

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. This program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House and Office of Science and Technology Policy, alternates yearly between elementary and secondary. Math and science teachers of Kindergarten through grade 6 are eligible for the 2008 PAEMST program.

Online only nominations for teachers of grades K - 6 are now being accepted for the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching until **March 1** at <http://www.paemst.org> . The nomination form should be completed early enough to ensure that the nominated teacher is given enough time to thoroughly prepare an application that reflects exemplary teaching prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by **May 1** annually.

In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

Recipients of the award receive the following:

- A citation signed by the President of the United States.
- A paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a weeklong series of recognition events and professional development opportunities.
- Gifts from program sponsors from around the country.
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

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